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Disaster Preparedness Training Available FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Residents in Dane County who would like to learn how to be prepared to respond to emergencies in their communities are invited to attend a free training course. The Madison Area Technical College is now accepting registrations for the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training course scheduled for June 3-5, 2005.

The CERT program teaches citizens how to not only help their families be better prepared for emergencies, but also how to assist their neighbors when emergencies or disasters strike. CERT is a national training that prepares citizens to respond in both man-made and natural disasters.

The CERT Program involves a series of classes which will be held from Friday, June 3 thru Sunday, June 5, 2005. The class includes presentations, discussions and hands on experience on topics ranging from disaster preparedness, fire suppression, first aid, and search and rescue. Using their training, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event and can take a more active role in preparing their community.

This class will be held at the Madison Area Technical College's Fire Training Building, 1954 Pearson St., Madison, WI on Friday, June 3 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Registration is free but space is limited.

Registration forms are available on the Wisconsin Emergency Management website: <http://emergencymanagement.wi.gov>. For further information, you can contact Margie Welsh, Wisconsin Emergency Management, at (608) 242-3222, or e-mail at margie.welsh@dma.state.wi.us.

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